

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendments which generally conform the specification, claims, and abstract to U.S. practice.

Concerning the claims, Applicant requests entry of the present amendments under 37 C.F.R. §§1.115 & 1.121, which are based upon the claims as originally filed in the International Phase of the PCT application. Herein, claims 1-12 are presented with claims 1, 4-8, and 10-12 rewritten to conform the claim set to U.S. practice and standards.

No new matter is being introduced by the present Amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the originally filed application.

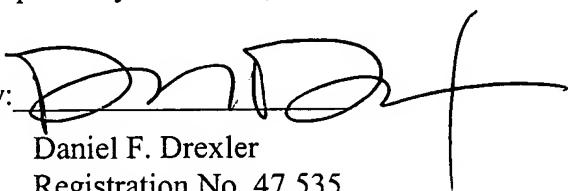
Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Office is invited to contact Applicant's attorneys at the below-listed telephone number concerning this Amendment or otherwise regarding the present application.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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